

City of West Lafayette, Indiana  
Board of Public Works and Safety  
MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2015  
8:30 a.m.  
Morton Community Center  
Multi-Purpose Room

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Brooke E. Folkers, Tanuja R. Sheth, and Jonathan C. Speaker. Mayor Dennis presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 3, 2015, Meeting

Mr. Speaker moved to accept the minutes of the March 3, 2015, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Quote Opening: Front-End Riding Mower – Parks

Parks Superintendent Fawley stated that this quote opening is for a 72-inch front-end riding mower, and noted that there is a trade-in on it. She stated that the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) will approve this purchase.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that we received one quote by email, and she read it aloud:

<b>Company:</b> MacAllister Machinery Co., Inc.	
Base Quote (Kubota F3990)	\$20,926.00
Less Total Trade-in Allowance	\$6,500.00
Total Cost:	\$14,426.00

Ms. Booker moved to take the front-end riding mower quote under advisement. Ms. Sheth seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

b. Claims

i. AP Docket	\$262,259.36
ii. PR Docket	\$521,044.78
iii. PR Docket	\$194,369.35

Ms. Folkers moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

There were no questions or comments about the claims.

The motion was adopted.

c. Informational Items

i. Project Payment List – WWTU

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

ii. Legal Budget & Expenses – Clerk-Treasurer

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

iii. Park Board Dockets

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

d. Other Items

► Director of Development Poole reported that we are going to be building a 62,400 square foot building in the Purdue Research Park. He stated that the land was originally purchased by the RDC for another company, which did not pan out. We were able to hold the land and work with Purdue and Purdue Research Foundation (PRF) to secure this new facility. He stated that it will have 30,000 square feet occupied by the Indiana Manufacturing Institute. The company does composite research, and he explained that it involves jet engines, jet airplanes, automobiles, and things of that nature. He stated that it will be purely research-driven. Director Poole stated that we got this because of the incredible research capabilities of Purdue and their world-renowned reputation. He stated that we are fortunate to be in the position where the RDC had 5 acres to donate to help make this a reality. He stated that the remaining 30,000 square feet is expected to be filled by small companies that pursue these research institutes, which locate next to them so they can continue to do more research. He stated that we believe this is the first start of this process, and we are already planning for a mirror building with another 62,000 square foot building in the Research Park.

Mayor Dennis stated that when he was in Washington D.C. he saw a presentation from G.E., and a lot of the components in the new engine they are going to make are exactly what is being researched and manufactured in this new business. He noted that the new lift station will be turned on for this building.

In response to a question from Mr. Speaker, Director Poole stated that the location of the building will be at the southwest corner of Challenger and Yeager Roads.

Ms. Booker asked how many people the company will employ.

Director Poole stated that there will be ten engineers to start; however, that does not include the graduate students and undergraduates that will be there doing research and gaining real-world experience. He stated that it will start slowly and grow from there, especially once we get the other companies locked in for the remaining space.

Mayor Dennis stated that a lot of universities compete for these kinds of investments because they can use their students.

► Mayor Dennis announced that the Board of Works meeting for March 17 has been rescheduled to this Friday, March 13.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mayor Dennis took the consent of the Board and adjourned the meeting.